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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 8224**  
Toru SUZUKI et al. : Docket No. 2001-0554A  
Serial No. 09/854,528 : Group Art Unit 1731  
Filed May 15, 2001 : Examiner Christopher Fiorilla

ORIENTED SINTERED CERAMIC PRODUCT  
AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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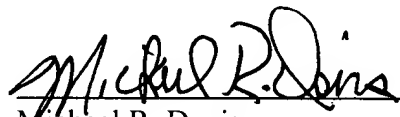
Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed December 23, 2003, please find attached a revised "Amendments to the Claims" section listing the text of all claims (including withdrawn claims 4-11).

Respectfully submitted,

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